

HOUSE BILL 2036

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41;
Title 56 and Title 71, relative to inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following new section:

A private or state or local governmental entity shall not require an inmate who is incarcerated at a county or municipal jail or workhouse or at a state penitentiary or correctional facility to pay an amount as a copayment, coinsurance, or other cost for purposes of obtaining on-site care from a staff physician, dentist, nurse, or other medical care provider, or from a physician, dentist, nurse, or other medical care provider who contracts to provide medical or dental care to inmates at the facility where the inmate is incarcerated.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.